

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 3

30th October 2012

62 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin 9024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

What a great day Sunday was. I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking the PTA, especially Jacquie Dodson and Rachael Morris for all of the hard work and effort that was put in by this highly motivated and well lead group of parents.

The planning and effort that goes into making the fair the huge success that it is, is massive.

A big thank you also to all of the people who helped on the day, it was brilliant to see so many of our community pitch in and help out on what will be the last fair to be held at 62 Church Street.

And finally thank you to everyone that supported the fair by attending and enjoying what was a great day.

Over the number of years that I have been involved with the school fair I have always thought that it was a corner stone of our community. It is a day when the extended school community comes together and has a day of family fun and as a bonus much needed funds are raised for our school. To see the happy faces around the school, for me, makes the day a success.

Over the next weeks summer sports become a real focus so please ensure that all pupils representing our school are in the correct uniform and are playing sport in the correct spirit.

**Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan**

Fair Photos



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Calendar of Events—October

30th First Reconciliation Parent meeting 7pm

November

1st All Saints Mass 9.15am

6th Athletics Day, (postponement day 8th)

7th Room 7 Golf

7th Communication Evening 7pm, foyer.

9th Sport/Cultural Assembly 2.20pm

-Note change of day!

16th Junior Assembly

21st BOT Meeting 7.30pm

26th Senior Swimming starts

27-29th Beach Education—Brighton Beach

December

14th Graduation Mass 6pm

PTA News

Fair

A big thank you from the PTA for all of the help we received from the teachers, parents, grandparents and supporters.

What a magic day it was. We are pleased to announce that our profit raised (provisionally) is \$18,800. This is awesome and will go a long way towards some nice equipment for our new school.

A final Fair notice will go home next week with final details.

Thank you
Rachael Morris

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Tonight

The meeting for parents of children intending to make their First reconciliation (from Year 3) will be **held at the Parish Centre tonight Tuesday 30th October at 7pm.**

It is important that a representative from the family is there please.

First Reconciliation is Thursday 6th December, 7pm at Holy Cross.

Sports Fees

T Ball Fee for the whole season (T4 and T1 next year), is **\$25** per player.



Touch Fee is **\$10** per player, this is for Term 4 only, as new teams are formed for Term 1 next year.

Please send the money in a named envelope to the school office.

Kids Art Works Calendars, diaries and greeting cards

The children are making some wonderful art to be made into these products again this year.



The order sheets will go home today, these are great for Christmas presents for family and friends.

Please check your child's bag for an order form.

Cost:

Calendars **\$10.00**

Diaries **\$15.00**

Packs of 8 Cards **\$10.00**

Samples of these products are at the school office.

**Please send your order to the office by
next Friday 9th November, thanks.**

Paid Union Meeting

All teachers who are members of the NZEI (the teachers union) will be attending a paid union meeting on Monday 12th November 1.30pm—3.30pm. As part of their contract teachers are allowed to attend paid union meetings.

Our pupils can finish school at 12.30pm on that day.

Buses:

The Silverstream and Wingatui—Allanton buses will leave school at 12.30pm.

Pupils who remain at school will be supervised until 3pm.

A thought for the week...

A Professor can never better distinguish himself in his work than by encouraging a clever pupil for the true discovers are among them, as comets amongst the stars.

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Communication!

What is a blog?

How can you become involved in your learner's class blog?

Why would you visit the blogs?

How do you visit the blogs?

How do you comment on the blogs?

All of these questions and many more will be answered:

Communication Evening

St Mary's School

Wednesday 7 November, 7pm

Starting in the foyer then

moving out to classes to allow you to visit the blogs
and practise commenting.

Grandparents Day



On grandparent's day all the grans and grandfriends come in they sit down and talk about what happened in there time when they were at school. We here some interesting stories, this is what my grand-ma said, in her days when she went to school they had to have their school uniform at a right length otherwise they had to right lines, also they had ink and a pen. The pen isn't an ordinary pen it had a little sharp point on the end, my grand-ma said it made a mess, they also had things such as a cane, whip, or strap OUCH!

In those days it was much different to now. I would rate 7/10 because of the whip and cane. By Lorie



All Blacks at Peter Johnstone Park today

On the 30th of October Room 7 and Room 6 went to Peter Johnson Park to meet four All Blacks. They were Ben Franks, Ben Smith, Andrew Hore and Tamatai Ellison. They are professional rugby players.

We got a BIG group photo with them. Then we had to line up to get their autographs. There were about 5 schools. That meant the lines were long. I got all of their autographs. It took about 1 and ½ hours. I didn't even know this was happening. If so I would have brought my rugby ball. I am going to put my poster on my wall.

I sure hope this happens again next year.
Laura Bungard

